

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated November 16, 2007. Claims 1, 2, 6 to 10, 14 to 16, 19 and 21 are in the application, of which Claims 1, 9, 19, 20 and 21 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesies and thoughtful treatment accorded Applicant's undersigned representative during the March 5, 2008 telephonic interview. This Amendment has been prepared based on the discussions and agreements reached during that interview and it is respectfully submitted that the following summarizes those discussions.

In the Office Action, Claims 1, 2, 6 to 10, 14 to 16 and 19 to 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Publication No. 2002/0069237 (Ehara) and U.S. Patent No. 7,185,286 (Zondervan). Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

The invention provides a way to easily upload files (e.g., images) from a removable recording medium (e.g., a Compact Flash card for a digital camera) to a server. In the invention, the CF card is encoded with location information (e.g., a URL of a server) when the card is manufactured or sold to a customer. After a user records files (images) on the CF card, they can upload the images by inserting the card into a card reader attached to a network. When the CF card is inserted into the reader, the reader reads the location information from the card and reads the files from the card. On a display, a default (file transfer) menu is depicted requesting the user to confirm that all files on the card are to be uploaded and then deleted. If the user confirms that all files are to be uploaded and

deleted, then the upload commences. Once the device confirms that all files have been successfully uploaded, all of the files are then deleted from the card. On the other hand, if the user confirms that all of the files are not to be uploaded and deleted via the default file transfer menu, then a file selection menu is displayed for the user to select which files stored on the card are to be uploaded. After the user confirms their file-upload selection, the files are uploaded. When the device confirms that the upload is successful, then a file deletion confirmation message is displayed for the user to confirm whether or not the selected, and now uploaded, files are to be deleted. If the user confirms that the selected and uploaded files are to be deleted, then they are deleted from the card.

Referring specifically to the claims, amended independent Claim 1 is directed to a file recording system comprising reading means for reading out from a removable recording medium one or more files and location information of an apparatus that is a file transfer destination for the one or more files, the location information being recorded in an attribute memory area of the removable recording medium storing the one or more files and the location information, first display means for displaying, on a display, the location information read by the reading means, together with a first file transfer menu, first deletion designating means for acquiring an indication, via the displayed first file transfer menu before transmission of the one or more files, from a user of whether or not to delete all of the one or more files to be transferred from the removable recording medium after the files have been transferred, second display means for displaying, on the display if the indication acquired by the first deletion designating means is not to delete all of the one or more files to be transferred, a file selection menu for selecting files to be transferred, selecting means for selecting one or more files stored in the removable recording medium

to be transferred to the apparatus corresponding to the location information read by the reading means, file transfer means for transferring all of the one or more files read by the reading means to a specific region on the apparatus corresponding to the location information read by the reading means if the first deletion designating means acquires the indication that all of the one or more files are to be deleted, or transferring the one or more files selected by the selecting means to the apparatus corresponding to the location information read by the reading means if the first deletion designating means acquires the indication that all of the one or more files are not to be deleted, confirmation means for confirming reception by the apparatus corresponding to the location information of the one or more files transferred by the file transfer means, second deletion designating means for, after the transmission of the selected one or more files and confirmation by the confirmation means, acquiring an indication from the user of whether or not to delete the one or more transferred files from the removable recording medium, and deletion means for deleting all of the one or more transferred files from the removable recording medium if the first deletion designating means acquires the indication to delete all of the one or more files, and for deleting the one or more files selected by the selecting means if the first deletion designating means acquires the indication not to delete all of the files and the second deletion designating means acquires the indication to delete the one or more selected files.

Claims 9 and 19 are method and computer medium claims, respectively that substantially correspond to Claim 1, while Claim 21 corresponds to Claim 1, but is written in non-means-plus-function format.

The applied art, alone or in any permissible combination, is not seen to teach the features of the claimed invention, and in particular, is not seen to teach at least the features of the claimed first display means, first deletion designating means, second display means, second deletion designating means, confirmation means, and deletion means, all of which function together as claimed. More specifically, the applied art is not seen to disclose or to suggest at least the features of (i) a first displaying step/means of displaying, on a display, location information read from an attribute memory area of a removable recording medium, together with a first file transfer menu, (ii) first deletion designating means/step for acquiring an indication, via the displayed first file transfer menu before transmission of one or more files read out from the removable recording medium, from a user of whether or not to delete all of the one or more files to be transferred from the removable recording medium after the files have been transferred, (iii) second display means/step for displaying, on the display if the indication acquired by the first deletion designating means/step is not to delete all of the one or more files to be transferred, a file selection menu for selecting files to be transferred, (iv) selecting means/step for selecting one or more files stored in the removable recording medium to be transferred to the apparatus corresponding to the location information read by the reading means/step, (v) file transfer means/step for transferring all of the one or more files read by the reading means to a specific region on the apparatus corresponding to the location information read by the reading means if the first deletion designating means acquires the indication that all of the one or more files are to be deleted, or transferring the one or more files selected by the selecting means to the apparatus corresponding to the location information read by the reading means if the first deletion designating means acquires the

indication that all of the one or more files are not to be deleted, (vi) confirmation means for confirming reception by the apparatus corresponding to the location information of the one or more files transferred by the file transfer means, (vii) second deletion designating means/step for, after the transmission of the selected one or more files and confirmation by the confirmation means, acquiring an indication from the user of whether or not to delete the one or more transferred files from the removable recording medium, and (viii) deletion means/step for deleting all of the one or more transferred files from the removable recording medium if the first deletion designating means acquires the indication to delete all of the one or more files, and for deleting the one or more files selected by the selecting means if the first deletion designating means acquires the indication not to delete all of the files and the second deletion designating means acquires the indication to delete the one or more selected files.

Ehara is merely seen to disclose that a user inserts a recording medium with images stored thereon into a media drive, whereby a personal computer detects insertion of the recording medium into the media drive, reads the files stored on the recording medium, and then uploads the images to an HTTP server. The destination for the uploading may be recorded on the recording medium or may correspond to a predetermined address for the media drive. What is distinctively missing from Ehara, however, is that no menu is displayed before the uploading for the user to confirm whether or not to delete all the images. Nor does Ehara display a file selection menu if the user opts not to delete all of the files so that the user can then select which files to upload. Further, Ehara fails to acquire, after the selected files are uploaded, a user's designation confirming deletion of the selected files after the uploading.

Zondervan is merely seen to disclose a technique for enabling a user to set a “Delete after upload” option when the user selects files to be transferred to an FTP server. That is, the user can select files to be uploaded and can also select an option to delete the selected files before they are uploaded. However, if the user does not select the “Delete after upload” option in Zondervan (i.e., if the user opts not to delete all of the stored files), it is not clear what happens next in Zondervan, but presumably, the files are simply uploaded and retained without being deleted. In contrast, in the invention, the default menu is to upload and delete all files. If the user opts not to delete all files, then the user is provided with the file selection menu to select which files are to be uploaded. After the selected files are uploaded, then the invention provides a screen for the user to confirm whether or not to delete the selected and now uploaded files. Neither Ehara or Zondervan teach such features.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, amended independent Claims 1, 9, 19 and 21, as well as the claims dependent therefrom, are believed to be allowable.

No other matters having been raised, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner’s earliest convenience.

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